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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO THE FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT (FFA) SCHEDULE FOR OPERABLE UNIT (OU) 2C, INSTALLATION RESTORATION SITES (IRP) 3 AND 5, MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) EL TORO

Dear Mr. Gould:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received your letter dated March 17, 2000 requesting extensions of the deadlines set forth in Appendix A of the FFA for MCAS El Toro via facsimile. The extension request is made pursuant to Section 9.2 (g) of the FFA.

As indicated in your letter and associated enclosure, a nine-month extension is needed to submit the draft final Record of Decision (ROD). The letter requests that the submittal date for the draft final ROD change from March 17, 2000, to December 15, 2000. DTSC understands that this extension is necessary to complete the radiological survey for IRP Sites 3 and 5 so that the information can be included in the ROD.

On August 17, 1999, a similar extension was requested and subsequently agreed upon by the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT). The August 1999 request proposed extending the submittal date for the draft final ROD from August 17, 1999, to March 17, 2000, to resolve radiological issues and include the results in the ROD.

Subsequent to the August 17, 1999, request, substantial comments received on the Draft Final HRA issued on October 1999 have impacted publication of the draft final Historical Radiological Assessment (HRA) and Survey Plan. As a result of these

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comments, five additional sites have been identified for inclusion into the Survey Plan with four more under consideration. Impacts to the publication of the Survey Plan directly affect completion of the radiological survey for all of the sites, including IRP Sites 3 and 5.

DTSC agrees that good cause exists for the extension and hereby grants your request for changes to the FFA schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Triss Chesney, Remedial Project Manager, at (714) 484-5395.

Singerely,

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